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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city New York, in relation to requiring the department of environmental protection to notify owners of property in the city of New York if their water bill has increased or decreased unusually during a billing cycle by issuing a warning and placing an additional notice on the face of the envelope.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 337 of Title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 24-337. Waste of water prohibited; remedies. a. It shall be unlawful for water to be wasted, whether owing to leak or wasteful condition, regardless of fault, from any water pipe, valve, faucet, conduit, equipment, facility or device connected to the city water system or which utilizes city water. It shall be the duty of an owner, lessee, agent, manager, operator and of any other person in charge of or who has control over any premises, plant, equipment, facility, device or operation to make frequent regular inspections so as to minimize the likelihood of leak or waste and within a reasonable time after the discovery or notification of any leak or wasteful condition to effect repairs or take other appropriate corrective action within the power of such person. The commissioner of environmental protection shall provide a written notice that shall accompany the bill for the payment of water charges, and print a notice on the envelope in which the bill is mailed, to the owner of a property when the commissioner determines that the water usage for a property is unusually high or low during any billing cycle, and shall promulgate such additional reasonable rules and regulations as the commissioner may from time to time deem appropriate for the prevention of the waste of water.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon its enactment into law.

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